IRS Offers Fall - Free Service To Hearing Impaired Taxpayers

RICHMOND, VA. Deaf and hearing-impaired taxpayers nationwide will be able to get answers to their Federal Tax questions by using a new toll-free TV-phone (teletype-writer (TTY)) system, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Beginning Dec. 1, 1976 TV-phone service will be available Monday's through Friday's throughout the United States exestpt Alaska and Hawaii. The toll-free number is 800-428-4732 for all states except Indiana. In Indiana, where the equipment is located, the number is 800-382-4059. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. EST; 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. CST, 6:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. MST and 5:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. PST.

First tested in 1975 in the Los Angeles, California, IRS District, and extended in 1976 to 17 more states, the system has now been expanded to provide year-round nationwide service.

Deaf persons may contact the IRS by using their own TV-phones or TTY units at home. Some organizations, churches, and public libraries have similar machines for use by the deaf.

The TV-phone consists of a typewriter keyboard attached to a regular telephone, plus a television set. The typed message is transmitted via regular telephone lines to the receiving TV monitor screen. Any TV set may be connected to the system.

To ask a question, the taxpayer dials the toll-free number, then places the receiver in a cradle on the keyboard unit. The call is answered by an IRS Taxpayer Service ZRepresentative, who places the IRS phone receiver in a cradle and types out a greeting which is transmitted to the taxpayer's television screen. The two then communicate via the TV screen and the typewriter.

TV-phone assistance may be particularly helpful to taxpayers reviewing some of the new tax law provisions with regard to medical deductions, child care expenses, or income received during retirement, among other that apply to tax year 1976.

Gladstone

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody, Jr. and son, of Chesapeake, spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody, Sr.

Mrs. Jack Watts and family, of Manassas, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carmody and daughter, from Nokesville, spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Belle Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cyrus.

Mr. Emmett Bolton is a patient in the Spout Spring Nursing Home. We hope he will soon recover.

Mrs. Bessie Payne has returned home from the hospital after having undergone surgery. We hope she will soon recover.

Mr. David Jobe spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore spent Friday in Richmond.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris was Mr. and Mrs. William Boswell and son, from Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boswell, from Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and Nickie, from Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Harris.

The Ladies of WMU of Gladstone Memorial Church were visiting the shut-ins this week and also they had a nice tray of fruit for them.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle this week were Mrs. Norman Snyder, Mrs. Ronnie Tucker, Gina and David, from Lynchburg; Mrs. Milton Hunter of Brookneal; Mrs. Allen Carmody, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mrs. Emily Akers and Mrs. Ida Mae Dunn, Mrs. Buck Wallace of Farmville and Mrs. Bea Wallace of Appomattox.

Wingina

We are so pleased to learn thatPercy Kidd is fine after his recent surgery.

The hunters in the Wingina area have reported good luck so far this season. Many deer have been killed but few turkeys.

Sympathy is extended to the following families in their loss: C.L. Ragland, Jack LeSueur and Elizabeth Kitchen.

Guests over the Thanksgiving Holidays were in our area: Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hackett and Jeff visited with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ragland. They, along with Mr. Reed Ragland, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ragland on Thanksgiving Day.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Kitchen were on Wednesday night, Mr. Reed Ragland to celebrate his birthday, Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ragland and Barry and Mrs. Minnie Cunningham, Friday night Mr. Edward Cunningham and Mrs. Minnie Cunningham, Visiting in the same home on Thursday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wland.

Mrs. Minnie Cunningham had as her guests for dinner on Saturday and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Kitchen and Barry Ragland.

Mrs. Mary Kidd had her children home for Thanksgiving Supper on Thursday.

Antioch Baptist Church will have a special program on December 12 at 11 a.m. The singing group **The Virginians** will present special music. A dinner will follow the program. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

Visitors of Mrs. Minnie Cunningham were Mrs. Daisy Sanders, Mrs. Edna Reynolds, Mrs. Louise Jennings and Lou Anne and Mr. Junior Spencer.

Visitors with Mrs. Vera Hackett over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rosser of Kingsport, Tennessee. Also visiting in the same home was Miss Sheila Branch.

Mr. David Hackett has been sick all week. We hope he will soon be well and out again.

Mrs. Edna Catlett has had two of her grandchildren visiting from Norfolk this week. We are so glad that both Mr. and Mrs. Catlett are feeling better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Kitchen were given a "Housewarming" on Sunday by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kitchen, Sr. Many guests attended and they received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ragland had their three sons and families home for Thanksgiving Dinner.

The W.M.U. of Union Baptist Church will have a special program on Sunday, Dec. 5, on Foreign Missions.

Sympathy is extended to Susan Coleman on the death of her brother, Jack Brayman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ramsay vacationed in Florida over the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Mrs. Odelle Gowin has recently moved into the former Oscar Bryant home on Rt. 24. We welcome her and wish her much luck in her new home.

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This is Mrs. Webb's Fourth Grade Class and we are going to share our experiences with you.

We have a girl in our class that is going to be twirling the baton Thurs., Dec. 9. She will be competing against higher grades. She also won a blue ribbon in share-the-fun. Her name is June Jenkins. Also we have voted for 4-H officers. The way we voted was Indian style. We would stand up and nominate three people and put it on the board and then put our heads down on our desks. They would call out each name one at a time and when they called the names whoever we wanted we would raise our hand. And here are the officers names: President, Sherl Martin; Vice President, James Bohannon; Secretary-Treasurer, Traci Schmutz; Song Leaders, Kandy Driskill and Tonia McCoy; Reporter, Tina Franks. Story by Tina Franks; Leader, Mrs. Webb.

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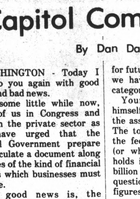

Mrs. Cecil Overton Is Local Huff-Cook Representative

The Huff-Cook Mutual Burial Association has announced the completion of training of a local representative, Mrs. Cecil Overton.

Mrs. Overton has been a part of a special training program for the forty-three year old company. She is licensed by the State Corporation Commission to represent Huff-Cook Mutual Burial Association and sell a form of protection against funeral expenses. She works out of the Regional Office in South Hill.

Cecil is the wife of Reverend Bobby Overton and they reside with their two children at Route 3, Box 444, Appomattox. They have been local residents of the county for several years.

New Market Student Wins Speakers' Contest

Susan Alger of Bentonville, president of the Youth Board of Directors of the Virginia Lung Association (VLA) announced today the winners of the board's annual speakers' contest held in Richmond on November 23. First place winner is Teresa Brown of New Market, a freshman at Stonewall Jackson High School in Mt. Jackson. She is a member of the VLA Northern Region's Youth Board of Directors. Her seven-minute talk covered the health hazards of cigarette smoking.

Judges Virginia Dabney and Catherine Welton selected Miss Brown's presentation because of the quality of her research, her composition, her enunciation, and her conviction of the seriousness of the subject matter. She was awarded a gold pin in the form of a double-barred cross, which is the lung association emblem. In addition, she was given a silk Christmas Seal scarf.

Runners-up include Nancy Willsey of Huguenot High School in Richmond, who spoke on asthma; Brenda Watson of Farmville, whose topic was tuberculosis; and Beth Humphrey of Charlottesville, who discussed swine flu.

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2. Most home fires start between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. - when you are asleep - and least prepared.

3. Most home fires start in these areas: Living Room 37 percent; Kitchen 22 percent; Basement 14 percent; Bedrooms 13 percent; all others 14 percent. You can see how they are likely to block your normal escape route via hall and stairway from bedrooms.

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Food Shopper

By Susan K. Simpson
Va. Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce

Children used to spend joyous moments stringing them for decoration for Christmas trees. They were used in connection with strings of popcorn and homemade ornaments. What were they? Cranberries, of course.

Cranberries are traditional Christmas holiday fare for decoration and for eating. After all, there are few holiday tables without a dish of cranberry sauce to accompany the maindish of Christmas day, or a salad using cranberries as a basis, or a bread or muffins without a few cranberries thrown in for good luck and delicious eating.

The cranberry has quite a history. There's no wonder that it found its way to present day festivities. Even the color is just right! The cranberry is a small red acid berry which grows in bogs and marshes on slender upright branches of a low-growing evergreen shrub. It is considered a native North American fruit. Although they were grown in Asian and European countries, they were inferior in size and flavor to the American ones. Since the berry grows in low marshy land or on peat bogs, it is sometimes called moss berry or moor berry.

Used for food and drink since ancient times, the cranberry was not known to the Romans until their conquest of Northern lands. A Bronze Age tomb in Denmark yielded a clay mug in which there remained a brown sediment. On analysis, the sediment proved to be the remains of a wine made from wheat, cranberries, bog myrtle and honey.

In America, the evergreen shrub which bears the cranberry was found growing between the beach plum and bayberry bushes by the Pilgrims. So, it's no wonder that the berry has held a distinguished spot for holiday trimmings.

This year's national cranberry crop is a record high one with production of some 2.4 million barrels. So, why not make sure that cranberries find their way to your holiday festivities. Here's a delicious quick bread recipe to get you started.

CRANBERRY BREAD

2 cups all-purpose sifted flour
1 cup sugar
1½ teaspoons double acting baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg, well beaten
¾ cup orange juice
1 T. grate orange rind
3 T. liquid shortening (salad oil)
½ cup chopped nuts
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, coarsely chopped

Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, soda and salt. Combine well beaten egg, orange juice, orange rind and cooking oil. Make a well in dry ingredients and add egg mixture all at once. Mix only to dampen. Carefully fold in nuts and cranberries. Spoon into greased loaf pan (9 x 5 x 3"). Spread corners and sides slightly higher than center. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 1 hour or until crust is brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan. Cool. Store overnight for easy slicing.

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Capitol Comments

By Dan Daniels

WASHINGTON - Today I come to you again with good news and bad news.

For some little while now, many of us in Congress and some in the private sector as well have urged that the Federal Government prepare and circulate a document along the lines of the kind of financial reports which businesses must prepare.

The good news is, the Department of the Treasury took our advice. The bad news is the result.

It is good news, because now, for the first time, a document exists which sets forth plainly just what the country's financial condition is. It is bad news, because we are in such terrible fiscal shape.

It must be understood that the **United States Government Consolidated Financial Statements** for Fiscal Year 1975 is a prototype report. It is the first time that anything like this has been tried, and subsequent issues will doubtless be refined and improved upon. In the past, the primary financial document prepared by the federal government has been the annual budget. This was an estimate of revenues and expenditures for the coming year, and it took no account of the worth of the nation's assets, or of the obligations assumed for future years. Now, at least, we have information in both categories.

Your Congressman found himself equally as fascinated by the assets as by the liabilities. The total value of everything the federal government owns (or which, more properly, it holds in your name) is $354.7 billion dollars. While I do not question the validity of the figures, I do have some serious reservations about the assumptions on which they are based. For example, the land is valued at only $7 billion. Again the federal government holds in your name title to one-third of all the land in this country - 760.4 million acres. The figure represents the value of land at the time it was purchased by the government or given to it. It sets no value on the 704 million acres in the public domain - land which has never been owned by anybody but the government.

Equally surprising is the fact that defense material and equipment accounts for 45 percent of the assets. Assets they are - in their purpose as well as in their definition. But disposing of them would require the biggest yard sale anybody ever saw.

Most disturbing in the assets category is that only $129 billion represents cash monetary assets and receivables.

If you could stop at this point, you might not feel so bad about this report. However, the statement of assets is followed by the statement of liabilities. Without comment (in truth, none is needed), we offer some of the entries. The gross outstanding debt is $544.1 billion. This is 153.4 percent of assets. Retirement and Disability Benefits equal $331.9 billion, or 93.5 percent of assets. There are other items, of course. They total $1.320 trillion in liabilities, which is 372.2 percent of assets. The excess of liabilities over assets is $965.7 billion.

All this is pretty depressing, but the further you go in the report, the worse it gets. According to the Consolidated Statement of Operations, while the deficit reported for 1975 was terrible, at $55 billion, the true total of excess expenses over revenues for 1975 equalled $152.1 billion.

In my judgement, the Treasury Department erred - or at least was something less than candid - in not listing all contingencies in recording liabilities. For example, the estimate for Social Security is on the conservative side. And the total amount of risk coverage and government guarantees - $1.731 trillion - does not appear in the Statement.

Information such as the above is, in addition to being frightening, somewhat dull if you don't happen to like figures. In addition, these are the sorts of things no one wants to be reminded about. But it is far too important to be sloughed off.

Often I have said that government debt is money we owe each other, not money we owe ourselves. That should be amended. On the basis of this report, it is money we owe future generations for as long as the mind can contemplate.

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Appomattox Man Named Vice-President Of Atlanta Bank

Franklin Leigh Burke has been elected Senior Vice President of The Fulton National Bank in Atlanta, Georgia by the bank's Board of Directors. Mr. Burke heads the bank's Metropolitan Banking Division which was recently reorganized to include the Branch Division, Commercial Finance Department, Dealer and Master Charge Departments.

Mr. Burke is a native of Appomattox, and a graduate of Appomattox High School. He attended the University of Virginia for two years then transferred to Oglethorpe University where he earned his B. A. Degree, Magna Cum Laude. He joined the Fulton National Bank in 1967, advanced to Assistant Cashier in 1968, Assistant Vice President in 1970 and Vice President in 1973.

He is a graduate of Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University, and is a member of American Institute of Banking and Robert Morris Associates. He has been active in many Atlanta civic and social organizations having served as a former Chairman of the Georgia Multiple Sclerosis Society and also of Oglethorpe University Alumni Association.

He is presently a member of the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Steeplechase, Director of Central Atlanta Civic Development, Inc via Park Central Communities, Inc. He is a member of the Piedmont Driving Club, The Benedicts, Shakerag Hounds and Phi Theta.

Mr. Burke is married to the former Eleanor Sledge of Atlanta, Georgia and they have two children, Richard Cobb Burke and Eleanor Hollowel Burke.

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